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EXHIBIT A

5. A method for scheduling events between first and second video processing devices coupled together, each device having at least one event timer for storing event information, said method comprising:

- a. programming information pertaining to a first event into an available event timer of said first device;
- b. comparing said first event information to event information stored in each event timer of said first device for determining conflicts therebetween;
- c. sending a message representing said first event information from said first device to said second device; and
- d. comparing said first event information to event information stored in each event timer of said second device for determining conflicts therebetween.

6. The method of claim 5 wherein said first event is modified in response to an OSD means of said second device.

7. The method of claim 1 wherein the step of providing information to said user comprises using OSD means of said first device.

8. The method of claim 1 wherein the step of providing information to said user comprises using OSD means of said second device.

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9. The method of claim 5 further comprising the steps of modifying said first event programmed in said first device, comparing said modified first even to event information stored in event timers of said first and said second devices for determining conflicts therebetween, and providing information regarding such conflicts to said user.

10. The method of claim 1 wherein said second device is a receiver.

11. A method for scheduling events between a recording apparatus and a receiving apparatus coupled together, each apparatus having at least one event timer for storing a scheduled event, said method comprising:

a. programming information pertaining to a first event into an available event timer of said recording apparatus;

b. sending a message representing said first event information from said recording apparatus to said receiving apparatus;

c. notifying a user that a password is required for enabling said first event;

e. enabling said event timer containing said programmed first event in response to receiving, from said user, said password entered into said recording apparatus.

12. The method of claim 11 wherein the step of notifying is in response to copyright information.

13. The method of claim 11 wherein the step of notifying is in response to program rating information.

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14. The method of claim 11 wherein the step of notifying is in response to purchase information.

15. A method for scheduling events between a recording apparatus and a receiving apparatus coupled together, each apparatus having at least one event timer for storing event information, said method comprising:

- a. programming information pertaining to a first event into an available event timer of said recording apparatus;
- b. sending a message representing said first event information from said recording apparatus to said receiving apparatus;
- c. notifying a user that a password is required for enabling said first event;
- d. storing said first event in an available event timer of said receiving apparatus in response to receiving, from said user, said password entered into said recording apparatus.

16. The method of claim 15 wherein the step of notifying is in response to copyright information.

17. The method of claim 15 wherein the step of notifying is in response to program rating information.

18. The method of claim 15 wherein the step of notifying is in response to purchase information.

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19. A method for scheduling an event in a recording apparatus coupled to a receiving apparatus, each of said recording apparatus and receiving apparatus having at least one event timer for storing event information, said method comprising:

- a. programming information pertaining to a first event into an available event timer of said recording apparatus;
- b. comparing said first event information to event information stored in each event timer of said recording apparatus for determining conflicts therebetween;
- c. sending a first message representing said first event information from said recording apparatus to said receiving apparatus;
- d. receiving a second message representing conflicts between said first event information and event information stored in each event timer of said receiving apparatus; and
- e. providing to a user information regarding conflicts between said programmed first event information and event information stored in event timers of said first and second devices.